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FOR SECRETARY AND ASSISTANT SECRETARY KUBISCH FROM AMBASSADOR

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SUBJECT: MEXICAN "SUGGESTIONS" FOR MFM FINAL DECLARATION

REFS: A. STATE 032258 B. MEXICO 1334

1. I SPOKE TO DE LA COLINA RE CONFRONTATIONAL QUALITY OF MEXICAN "SUGGESTIONS" IN SIMILAR VEIN TO MY PREVIOUS CONVERSATION WITH AMBASSADOR TELLO (MEXICO 1334) AND COVERED SOME OF THE POINTS MADE BY KUBISCH IN HIS CONVERSATION WITH OLLOQUI.

2. AMBASSADOR DE LA COLINA WAS FULLY AWARE OF THE KUBISCH/ OLLOQUI CONVERSATION AND SAID THAT FOREIGN MINISTER RABASA WAS TELEPHONING SECRETARY KISSINGER IN KEY BISCAYNE IN EFFORT TO PLACE MATTER IN BETTER PERSPECTIVE.

3. DE LA COLINA WAS AS USUAL CONCILIATORY AND STRESSED THAT THE "SUGGESTIONS" WERE LABELLED AS SUCH IN AN EFFORT TO GIVE THEM MOST PRELIMINARY CHARACTER POSSIBLE AND NOTED THEY WERE NOT EVEN LABELLED AS A MEXICAN SUGGESTION AND WERE INTENDED TO SERVE AS MERELY FIRST STEP IN DESCRIBING LATIN POSITIONS AS DEFINED AT BOGOTA MEETING. DE LA COLINA POINTED OUT THAT THESE "SUGGESTIONS" MIGHT NEVER EVEN REACH WORKING GROUP CHARGED WITH DRAFTING FINAL DECLARATION AS THEY WOULD BE EDITED AND RE-EDITED DURING MINISTERIAL MEETING STARTING MONDAY.

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4. DE LA COLINA RECOGNIZED FULLY IMPORTANCE OF TONE IN FINAL DOCUMENT DUE TO PRESENCE OF SECRETARY AND HIGHEST POSSIBLE LEVEL CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION. HE ASSURED ME GOM IS FULLY AWARE OF IMPORTANCE OF U.S. INTEREST AND INVOLVEMENT IN CONFERENCE AND OF MUTUAL NEED TO HAVE A SUCCESSFUL OUTCOME. IN HIS MIND, FINAL DECLARATION MUST CERTAINLY STRESS MUTUALITY OF INTERESTS AND PRINCIPLES, COMMON AIMS AND SHOULD BE COINED IN NOBLE, ELEVATED LANGUAGE. HE STRESSED, HOWEVER, THAT THE POINTS OF DIFFERENCE WOULD HAVE TO BE MENTIONED ALTHOUGH THE EMPHASIS SHOULD BE ON THE MUTUAL DESIRE TO RESOLVE THESE DIFFERENCES AND THE MUTUAL GOODWILL ON BOTH SIDES. WHILE IT WAS IMPOSSIBLE FOR THE LATINOS TO CHANGE THEIR AIMS AS PUBLICIZED AND DEFINED AT BOGOTA, THERE WAS CERTAINLY A WILLINGNESS TO CHANGE THE EMPHASIS IN ORDER TO OBTAIN THE POSITIVE RESULT WE ALL DESIRE IN THE FINAL DECLARATION.

5. I EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT PRESIDENT ECHEVERRIA IN HIS REMARKS COULD ALSO BE POSITIVE, PARTICULARLY IN VIEW OF THE REACTIONS IN WASHINGTON TO THE MEXICAN "SUGGESTIONS" DOCUMENT. AMBASSADOR DE LA COLINA OBSERVED RATHER RUEFULLY THAT HIS PRESIDENT WHEN SPEAKING PUBLICLY WAS SOMETIMES DIFFICULT TO KEEP IN ORBIT BUT HE ASSURED ME THAT RABASA WOULD TAKE THIS MATTER UP WITH THE PRESIDENT AS THE FIRST ORDER OF BUSINESS ON HIS ARRIVAL AND THAT THE PRESIDENT WAS ALSO INTERESTED IN MAKING THIS CONFERENCE A SUCCESSFUL ONE. I TOLD HIM I APPRECIATED THIS BUT COULD NOT HELP BEING CONCERNED IN VIEW OF TONE OF SOME OF THE PRESIDENT'S SPEECHES IN EASTERN EUROPE. A DIFFERENT ATMOSPHERE AND DIFFERENT PURPOSES SHOULD PREVAIL AT THIS UNIQUE INTER-AMERICAN CONFERENCE. DE LA COLINA ASSURED ME HE WOULD TELL BOTH RABASA AND THE PRESIDENT OF OUR CONVERSATION.

6. IN THE MEANTIME, EMBASSY STAFF HAS PREPARED AN ANALYSIS OF THE POSSIBLE TONE AND CHARACTER THAT PRESIDENT ECHEVERRIA'S OPENING SPEECH MIGHT TAKE AND THIS BEING SUBMITTED BY SEPARATE CABLE (MEXICO 1378).

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